Middlebury College presents

EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

March 18-April 8, 2015

22 days from $8,757 total price from Los Angeles
($7,695 air & land inclusive plus $1,062 airline taxes and departure fees)

A Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Middlebury College, Vassar College, and Skidmore College

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
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Small group touring and the Lands Down Under – they add up to a perfect combination as we travel from Australia’s spectacular Great Barrier Reef and the storied Outback and Ayers Rock to sophisticated Sydney; from New Zealand’s towering Mt. Cook and breathtaking Milford Sound to high-spirited Queenstown and nautical Auckland.

Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Cairns, Australia

Day 3: Arrive Cairns This afternoon we arrive in Cairns, gateway to Australia’s Far North and the Great Barrier Reef. We transfer to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a briefing and dinner. D

Day 4: Cairns/Kuranda We take an orientation tour of Cairns then board an historic railway to the mountain village of Kuranda. After time to explore here, we descend via the gondolas of Skyrail. We return to our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Cairns independently. B

Day 5: Great Barrier Reef This morning we board a boat for a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, at 1,200 miles long the world’s largest living organism and richest marine resource. We pull up at Michaelmas Cay where we can swim, snorkel, view the reef from a semi-submersible vessel, or take a guided birding tour. B,L

Day 6: Cairns/Alice Springs We take a morning flight to Alice Springs, where we see the Anzac Hill Monument to Australian and New Zealand soldiers, Royal Flying Doctors Service, and School of the Air, which provides schooling to widely scattered Outback children. Tonight we enjoy a traditional dinner in the “bush.” B,D

Day 7: Alice Springs This morning we embark on an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour, to meet Walpiri tribespeople and learn about their ancient culture. Then we visit Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, where we enjoy a picnic lunch and see the sheer rock walls aglow in reflected sunlight. B,L

Day 8: Alice Springs/Ayers Rock We reach our Ayers Rock hotel early afternoon. After lunch on our own, we visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that is the traditional land of the Anangu Aboriginal peoples and home to the Olgas rock formations and Uluru (Ayers Rock). We watch...
We tour Sydney’s iconic Opera House on Day 12.

the sun set over this fabled sandstone monolith that rises to a height of 1,114 feet.  

**Day 9: Ayers Rock/Sydney**  This morning we visit the base of Uluru and the interesting museum here.  Mid-day we fly to Sydney, arriving late afternoon.  

**Day 10: Sydney**  Today’s tour features the breathtaking Royal Botanic Gardens, Darling Harbour and Mrs. Macquarie’s Point, Rose and Watson’s bays, and popular Bondi Beach.  Then we board a catamaran for a lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour. 

**Day 11: Sydney**  This morning we tour Koala Sanctuary Park, where koalas roam free.  Next we drive along Sydney’s Northern Beaches, a string of 18 stunning playgrounds, then stop in fashionable Manly for free time and lunch on our own.  

**Day 12: Sydney**  After we tour the iconic Sydney Opera House this morning, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration.  Tonight we enjoy dinner at the Waterfront Restaurant, with excellent seafood and beautiful harbor views.  

**Day 13: Sydney/Christchurch/Mount Cook Nat’l Park, New Zealand**  We fly this morning to Christchurch, New Zealand, where we board a motorcoach for the drive to Mount Cook National Park (Aoraki in the native tongue).  We reach our hotel located inside the park this evening in time for dinner.  

**Day 14: Mount Cook**  This morning’s tour of alpine Mount Cook Village and environs includes a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center, where we see a 3D planetarium movie about the region.  We also visit the Hillary Gallery, commemorating Sir Edmund’s achievements, including the first ascent of Mount Cook’s difficult South face.  At 12,316 feet, Mount Cook is New Zealand’s tallest mountain.  After time in the village for lunch on our own, this afternoon is at leisure; optional activities include hiking and scenic flights.  

**Day 15: Mount Cook/Queenstown**  We depart this morning for Queenstown, stopping en route in historic Arrowtown for lunch on our own followed by a visit to Kawarau Bridge Bungy, the world’s first bungy jump operation open to the public.  Mid-afternoon we reach Queenstown, New Zealand’s “adventure capital.”  

**Day 16: Milford Sound**  Our day-long excursion to Milford Sound includes a nature cruise through the breathtaking fiords.  We have lunch on board then later have the opportunity to return to Queenstown on an optional scenic flight (weather permitting).  

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**Post-Tour Extension**

**April 8-10, 2015**

**AUCKLAND – ON YOUR OWN**

3 days/2 nights for $245 total price

Single Supplement: $145

Enjoy the sparkling “City of Sails” at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights’ accommodations at Pullman Auckland Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport
Day 17: Queenstown  Today is free to explore Queenstown independently. Late this afternoon we take the T.S.S. Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a barbecue dinner and to watch the well-trained sheep dogs and see a sheep-shearing demonstration.  

Day 18: Queenstown/Rotorua  We depart this morning for Rotorua, with its geysers, bubbling mud pools, hot thermal springs, and a center of Maori culture. This afternoon’s tour includes the new Rotorua Museum, among other highlights.

Day 19: Rotorua  This morning and early afternoon are at leisure; late afternoon we visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Maori Cultural Center for a traditional hangi dinner and performance.

Day 20: Rotorua/Auckland  En route to Auckland, we stop this morning at Ruakuri Caves to see the unique glowworms that illuminate the underground grottoes and caves. We reach Auckland late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this multicultural city known especially for its world-class Pacific Rim cuisine and wines.

Day 21: Auckland  Our half-day tour of this city set atop 48 volcanic hills features glittering Auckland Harbour and the America’s Cup Village. We also visit the War Memorial Museum, established in 1852 as New Zealand’s first museum, with its prized Maori and Pacific Islander collections. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel.

Day 22: Depart for U.S.  Very early this morning we depart for the airport for the flight to Los Angeles (via Sydney) and our return flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 19 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 33 meals: 19 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of local Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Meet Your Faculty Host

Professor of Anthropology
Lucy Johnson received her PhD from Columbia University in 1973 and started teaching at Vassar College as an assistant professor in that year. Now a Professor Emeritus, she has taught numerous courses in Anthropology, as well as courses in Environmental Studies, Latin American Studies and Science, Technology and Society. Starting in 1965 and extending over a period of forty years, Prof. Johnson has been active in archaeological field studies including survey and excavations in Alaska, Egypt, Chile, Peru, Idaho, and Arizona, as well as numerous locations in New York State. Her focus has been on the ecological adaptations of hunter-gatherer societies. Her fieldwork has been supported by The National Science Foundation, the National Geographic Society and Vassar College. She is currently working on projects on the Mohonk Preserve and completing analysis of Alaska and New York State collections.

Tour Depart:  March 18, 2015

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of $1,062, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $2,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

An overnight stay at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport (upon departure or return) is available for $89 per person (single supplement: $59). Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. departure cities may require an overnight stay at your expense.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class - $6,595 per person; Premium Economy - $1,595 per person (upgrades subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at (888) 370-6765 or send a fax to 617-454-9199

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time
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Dear Middlebury Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Join us in 2015 on a special tour to Australia and New Zealand. From the Great Barrier Reef to the historic Sydney Opera House and breathtaking Milford Sound, Australia and New Zealand offer visitors a wealth of spectacular natural scenery and cultural diversity. We are pleased to have Dr. Lucy Johnson of Vassar’s faculty providing her expertise along the way.

Your 22-day journey begins in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Take a day-long excursion to the magnificent reef and see the rich marine resources. In the storied Outback, embark on an aboriginal “dreamtime” tour and watch the sun set over Ayers Rock. Continue on to sophisticated Sydney, where touring includes a harbor cruise and the iconic Sydney Opera House. Fly to picturesque New Zealand and enjoy two days in Mt. Cook National Park. Explore the “adventure capital,” Queenstown, and visit stunning Milford Sound. In Rotorua learn about the local Maori culture, then conclude your journey in Auckland, the “City of Sails.”

We’re pleased to share this tour with guests from Vassar College and Skidmore College. With space for only 24 guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot on our exciting tour to Australia and New Zealand!

Sincerely,

Ian F. McCray ’95
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs
Middlebury College

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_____($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Exploring Australia & New Zealand departing March 18, 2015. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check (along with the completed reservation form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from _____________________________ I/we request an air upgrade to ______________
I will share a room with __________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □
Auckland-On Your Own Extension: Please sign me/us up □

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Exploring Australia & New Zealand, March 18-April 8, 2015, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________________ Date __________

Method of Payment □ Check □ American Express □ Discover □ MasterCard □ VISA
Account # ___________________________ Security Code ___________ Exp. Date ____________
Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________
Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by December 13, 2014 and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only tour package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged a single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility
The liability of Middlebury College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Middlebury College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. Middlebury College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. Middlebury College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour and detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited and Middlebury College assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.